

ABSTRACTTEST

5       The invention provides a method of determining the risk of an individual developing a metabolic disorder, the method comprising:

- 10      (i)     detecting in a sample from the individual the presence or absence of the ER22/23EK polymorphism in the glucocorticoid receptor gene; and
- (ii)    determining the likelihood of the individual developing a metabolic disorder, wherein the presence of the ER22/23EK polymorphism is indicative of a low risk of developing the metabolic disorder and the absence of the ER22/23EK polymorphism is indicative of a high risk of developing the metabolic disorder.